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Editors' Note: *If you are interested in covering the Saguaro National Park Fun Run Beyond event for your news outlet, please RSVP to Andy L. Fisher, 520 733 5139 or [Andy L. Fisher@nps.gov](mailto:Andy.L.Fisher@nps.gov)*

TRAFFIC CHANGES AROUND SAGUARO NATIONAL PARK, TUCSON MOUNTAIN DISTRICT (WEST) ON JANUARY 11 FOR BEYOND EVENT

Tucson, AZ— Saguaro National Park and Friends of Saguaro National Park are again hosting a 5 mile fun run/walk on Saturday, January 11 as part of the Tucson Beyond events. The start/finish area for the event will be located at the Kinney and Hohokam Road intersection and runners will circle the Bajada Loop Drive including Hohokam and Golden Gate roads. This increase in pedestrian traffic will cause some delays and closures on park roads, including:

- Traffic at the intersection of Sandario Road between Kinney and Golden Gate Roads will be restricted at 8:30 during the start of the race. Please expect up to a 30 minute delay in traffic until all runners have made the turn off of Sandario Road onto the Golden Gate Road. Once the runners have all passed the checkpoint, the road will reopen to regular traffic.
- Kinney Road traffic will be restricted north of the Red Hills Visitor Center to northbound traffic only. Participants will park along Kinney Road, northwest of the Red Hills Visitor Center. Visitors to the visitor center will be able to travel south from the visitor center on Kinney Road towards the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum.
- The Bajada Loop Drive, including the Hohokam Road and southern portion of the Golden Gate Road will be closed to vehicle traffic until 12:00 noon.

Runners and walkers of all ages and abilities are invited to this free event. The course will include rolling dirt roads and plenty of gorgeous National Park scenery. The start time is at 8:30 a.m. The run will not be timed and participants must register in advance. This event is limited to 400 participants, and registration details can be found at www.azroadrunners.org

For more information about this 5-mile run, please contact Estee Rivera Murdock at Esther_Rivera@nps.gov or (520) 733-8613.

To learn more about **BEYOND**, please go to www.beyond-tucson.org.

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